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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DETECTING AND REWARDING THE
RETURNING OF SHOPPING CARTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-referenced application as follows in order to eliminate the multiple dependencies from the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please amend the claims as follows:~~

sub. B1 4. (Amended) A process according to claim 2, further comprising

only generating the second signal B when the shopping cart had been previously used to go shopping.